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In New York, prices were higher on all sizes. Elsewhere, weekly prices were mostly higher on mediums and unchanged on the larger sizes when compared to a week earlier. The market tone was fully steady to firm entering the week. Demand into all channels ranged moderate to very good. Supplies were sufficient to tight for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were short to adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were about sufficient for normal slaughter schedules this week.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest prices were 2 cents higher for mediums. Other reported prices were mostly unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to mostly firm. Retail demand was moderate to usually good. Food service movement was generally moderate. Supplies were adequate to close. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged. Offerings were closely balanced for the moderate demand. Floor stocks closely balanced to occasionally fully adequate. Schedules full-time or better. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	86-95	90-92
LARGE	86-94	88-91
MEDIUM	69-75	72-74

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	69-76	71
MEDIUM	52-56	54
SMALL	35-37	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were slightly higher on mediums and unchanged on the larger sizes when compared to previous week's pricing. The market tone was steady to mostly fully steady entering the week. Demand ranged moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to close for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to short for the light to moderate demand. Supplies of spent hens were about sufficient for the moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	93-107	96-99
LARGE	89-104	94-98
MEDIUM	71-86	76-78

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was fairly good to very good. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were adequate to tight. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were closely balanced for the moderate demand. Floor stocks were closely balanced to occasionally fully adequate. Schedules full-time or better. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	94.5-103	96-99
LARGE	94.5-103	96-99
MEDIUM	74.5-83	76-79

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were slightly higher on mediums and unchanged on the balance when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies ranged about adequate to tight for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were mixed for the light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens were about adequate for the mostly moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	95.5-103	97-100
LARGE	94-101	95-98 M E -
DIUM	73.5-81	74-78

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices advanced 1 cent on all sizes. Trade sentiment was fully steady to instances firm entering the week. Demand ranged moderate to mostly good. Supplies were sufficient to in close balance for present trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	104-108
LARGE	102-106
MEDIUM	84-88

CHICAGO & MIDWEST Prices for extra large and large were unchanged, mediums 2 cents higher. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was moderate to mostly good. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were adequate to close.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	92-100	94-96
LARGE	91-100	92-95
MEDIUM	74-83	77-79

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGG IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

	Cents/Carton	Mostly
Brown Eggs		
Extra Large doz.	210 - 250	212 - 240
1/2 doz.	123 - 141	125 - 134
Large doz.	200 - 260	215 - 225
1/2 doz.	120 - 132	128 - 132

WESTERN Prices unchanged to 2 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large; 2 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 18% lower than last Monday with California down 12% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 28%. Retailer demand good, best to cover features. Offerings light.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large; 2 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 12% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand good. Offerings light due to widespread molting. Small benchmark price 88. Ads in Northern California: major- large 18 pack 2 for \$3, buy 1 get 1 free.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	131
EXTRA LARGE	129
LARGE	125
MEDIUM	108

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	299-349	JUMBO	309-389
EXTRA LARGE	289-309	EXTRA LARGE	299-359
LARGE	239-279	LARGE	239-349
MEDIUM	199-299	MEDIUM	199-299

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending January 16, 2004 will decrease by 9 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending January 09, 2004 were 266,762 cases which was 25 percent above the prior week and 31 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	230,012	36,750	266,762

% change from the prior week.....	+32	-8	+25

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Offerings were closely balanced for the moderate demand. Many breakers anticipated more active schedules this week. Floor stocks closely balanced to occasionally fully adequate. Schedules full-time or better. Trade sentiment steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK		65-66
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	52-58	52-54

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for the mostly adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal. Supplies of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*

Final Price, generally for slaughter the week of 12-Jan-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9.5 CENTS/LB.	8.5-9	8.67

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*

Final Price, generally for slaughter the week of 12-Jan-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-11.75 CENTS/LB.	8.5-9	8.85

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-JAN 12, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		Northeast		No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	5-Area Pacific
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.8	13.9	5.4	11.3	9.7	48.1
	Change	0.4	-3.7	-1.5	-0.3	-2.2	-13%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	18.4	31.3	13.2	19.3	24.4	106.6
	Change	-0.6	-13.8	-0.4	-2.3	-2.6	-16%
Large	Curr Wk	36.0	98.5	69.5	83.1	64.9	352.0
	Change	-6.6	-16.7	-8.8	6.3	-24.7	-13%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.5	35.6	14.0	22.3	30.7	113.1
	Change	-2.7	-7.2	0.7	-5.3	0.5	-11%
Small	Curr Wk	3.4	4.8	5.9	4.2	4.6	22.9
	Change	-0.8	-0.3	1.5	0.3	-1.7	-4%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.2	27.6	9.5	19.5	7.8	69.6
	Change	0.3	-1.0	-1.4	-0.6	0.8	-2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	17.1	53.5	15.2	28.9	28.6	143.3
	Change	-9.9	-3.7	-0.6	-4.0	-6.8	-15%
Total	Curr Wk	98.4	265.2	132.7	188.6	170.7	855.6
Percent	Change	-17%	-15%	-7%	-3%	-18%	-12%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	855.6	-12%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	299.0	-3%	36
Total Shell Egg	1154.6	-10%	206

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RE-TAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 15, 2003

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	197.2	194.1	185.1	114.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING DECEMBER 15, 2003 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	151	151	141	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JANUARY 09, 2004

CURRENT LOADS								15.25	FUTURE LOADS								9.75	TOTAL LOADS								25.00
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST											
GNR W 1	74.00	86.00	74.00	75.50	81.00	—	5.00		GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00									
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	.75		GL W XL	—	90.00	—	—	—	—	90.00	1.50									
GL W J	—	—	—	—	80.00	—	1.00		GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	90.00	1.50									
GL W XL	—	—	87.25	90.50	81.80	—	6.00		GL W MD	67.00	—	—	—	—	—	75.25	3.00									
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	79.00	—	5.25		GL W SM	—	—	—	—	—	—	62.00	1.25									
GL W MD	66.00	—	67.00	72.00	—	—	4.00																			
GL W SM	50.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.25																			
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	.75																			

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 01/05/04-01/09/04

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
93.25								75.25								168.50							
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			ORG	DST			ORG	DST			ORG	DST			ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	73.75	82.90		75.67	75.43		80.50	73.00	40.00			GL W J	—	—		—	—			—	—		
GNR W 2	72.00	74.00		71.00	65.75		60.00	62.00	7.00			GL W XL	81.33	88.25		—	—			—	89.07		12.25
GNR W 3	—	—		54.00	55.00		56.00	54.50	3.00			GL W LG	79.33	88.00		—	—			—	88.14		25.00
GNR W 4	—	56.00		—	—		53.00	—	2.00			GL W MD	67.00	—		—	—			—	72.63		12.00
GNR BR 1	—	—		107.00	108.00		—	—	1.75			GL W SM	—	47.00		—	—			—	62.00		3.25
GL W J	—	—		88.50	89.50		80.00	—	3.00			GL BR LG	—	113.00		—	—			—	—		1.00
GL W XL	—	92.00		87.42	90.00		80.99	84.80	43.75			NRBS - 48	—	—		—	—			—	—		9.00
GL W LG	—	90.56		82.00	85.47		78.61	83.00	43.00														
GL W MD	68.67	—		66.09	70.25		59.00	65.00	26.50														
GL W SM	47.78	47.00		49.67	50.83		46.00	48.00	4.25														
GL BR LG	—	—		103.00	—		—	118.00	2.75														
NRBS - 48	—	67.00		—	—		—	65.20	11.00														
NRBS - 39	—	—		—	—		48.00	49.50	1.00														

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	01/05/04	12/29/03	01/06/03
PACIFIC COAST	131	208	360
LOS ANGELES	49	126	355

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

UNAVAILABLE

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

Market prices are lower on smalls and higher on the balance of sizes. Supplies are adequate. Demand is moderate. PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	113.07
LARGE	112.07
MEDIUM	92.07
SMALL	72.00

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OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 01/08/2004

Report Period: 12/28/2003 - 01/03/2004

State	Number Cases Shipped to Northern California	Number Cases Shipped to Central California	Number Cases shipped to Southern California	Total State
Arizona	0	0	2,634	2,634
Arkansas	0	0	600	600
Colorado	0	0	5,222	5,222
Iowa	6,760	4,816	43,636	55,212
Minnesota	3,560	2,430	8,550	14,540
Missouri	0	0	2,340	2,340
Montana	0	0	846	846
Nevada	0	0	3,066	3,066
New Hampshire	0	0	2,730	2,730
Oregon	4,560	1,021	930	6,511
South Dakota	760	0	0	760
Texas	0	0	5,290	5,290
Utah	0	1,680	14,219	15,899
Washington	0	180	0	180
TOTAL	15,640	10,127	90,063	115,830
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	15,640	10,127	90,063	115,830